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Dear Ms. Best:

This responds to your request dated May 21, 2019, to Interpol Washington, U.S. National Central Bureau (USNCB), pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for information pertaining to WikiLeaks website from January 2006 to present date. Specifically you requested the following:

- * guidance and instructions for employees regarding visiting the website or otherwise reading or learning about it in the news
- * internal reactions to the website's existence and disclosures
- * damage reports regarding the website and its disclosures
- * efforts to identify, investigate and/or mitigate potential leaks to the website
- * efforts to identify, investigate and/or mitigate potential unauthorized viewing of the website or news reports analyzing it and/or its contents

Please refer to the above FOIA number assigned to your request in any additional correspondence. We received your request on May 21, 2019. On June 19, 2019, we acknowledged receipt of your request and informed you that your request was assigned to the complex track and was placed in chronological order based on the date of receipt and will be handled as quickly as possible when it is assigned for processing.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

A reasonable search of the INTERPOL Washington system of records subject to the FOIA and administrative files produced no records. Since we located no records, either no records ever existed in our system of records, or if a criminal investigative record existed in the INTERPOL Washington system of records and the criminal investigation was closed on any date up through 2007, those records would have been destroyed and would no longer be available for retrieval. You may be interested to know that INTERPOL Washington investigative records are retained only for a period of seven (7) years from the date a case is closed.

For your information, the United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Office of the Chief Information Officer provides leadership and oversight of the Department's information and technology programs. Based on the type of records that you appear to be seeking, you might wish to make a request to Justice Management Division for the records that you seek.

If you are not satisfied with INTERPOL Washington's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following website:

<https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

You may contact the INTERPOL Washington FOIA Requester Service Center, as well as our FOIA Public Liaison, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Our contact information is as follows: INTERPOL Washington, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530-0001, Attention: Office of General Counsel, Tel.: 202-616-0201, Email: Interpol-USNCB.FOIA@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,



Kevin Smith
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